bag on children, such as students of Classes I & II to leave text-books in the school itself, no homework to students of classes I & II and giving activity based work instead of homework to students of classes III to V. Schools affiliated to CBSE have been instructed to restrict number of textbooks to the prescribed level and to set up class libraries.

Institute of higher education at Chennai

1346. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an institute of higher education at national level at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir, there is no such proposal at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Arbitrary fee structure in private schools

†1347. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of private schools are rising all over the country;

(b) whether these schools are free to absolutely prescribe and charge fee arbitrarily;

(c) whether Government propose to prescribe any norms regarding fee in order to put a check on arbitrariness of private schools; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.